

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A novelty figurine, comprising:
a head portion having a front;
a body portion located proximate said head portion,
said body portion comprising at least one substantially hollow interior section and at least one selectively openable door assembly for access into said substantially hollow interior section; and
at least one carabiner attachment assembly extending from said body portion for selectively allowing said figurine to be attached to or removed from another item able to receive said attachment assembly, said attachment assembly comprising at least a first leg having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong, said by being firmly secured to said body so as to extend rearwardly behind said head portion, said head portion and leg being proportioned so that said leg is hidden by said head portion when viewed from the front.
2. (previously cancelled).
3. (previously presented) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 1, wherein said selectively openable door assembly comprises a hinge assembly around which said door assembly is selectively rotatable from a closed position to an open position thereby allowing access into said substantially hollow interior section.
4. (previously presented) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 1, further comprising means to support said figurine in a substantially upright, standing position, with said head portion located substantially above said body portion.

5. (original) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 4, said hinge assembly located at a bottom section of said body portion so that a substantially uppermost portion of said door assembly is proximate said head portion when said door assembly is in said closed position and said substantially uppermost portion of said door assembly is rotatably displaced downward therefrom when said door assembly is in said open position.

6. (original) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 5, said support means comprising a portion of said bottom section of said body portion and at least one leg support assembly extending from said body portion at, or proximate to, said bottom section.

7. (original) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 5, said head portion connected to said door assembly at said substantially uppermost portion thereof.

8. (original) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 5, said head portion being said substantially uppermost portion of said door assembly.

9. (currently amended) A novelty figurine as recited in either of claims 7 or 8, said head portion further comprising selectively releasable securing means extending rearwardly from ~~a back side of~~ said head portion for selectively securing said head portion to an uppermost section of said body portion when said door assembly is in said first, closed position.

10. (currently amended) A novelty figurine, comprising:
a head portion having a front;

a body portion located proximate said head portion,
said body portion comprising

at least one substantially hollow interior section and
at least one selectively openable door assembly for access into
said substantially hollow interior section; and

at least one carabiner attachment assembly extending
from said body portion for selectively allowing said figurine to
be attached to or removed from another item able to receive said
attachment assembly, said attachment assembly comprising at
least a first leg having a selectively openable gate assembly
extending therealong;

means to support said figurine in a substantially
upright, standing position, with said head portion located
substantially above said body portion;

said hinge assembly located at a bottom section of
said body portion so that a substantially uppermost portion of
said door assembly is proximate said head portion when said door
assembly is in said closed position and said substantially
uppermost portion of said door assembly is rotatably displaced
downward therefrom when said door assembly is in said open
position;

said head portion connected to said door assembly at
said substantially uppermost portion thereof;

said head portion further comprising selectively
releasable securing means extending rearwardly from said head
portion for selectively securing said head portion to an
uppermost section of said body portion when said door assembly
is in said first, closed position; A novelty figurine as recited
in claim 9, said securing means comprising a clip assembly
having first and second clipping arms attached to said back side
the rear of said head portion at first ends thereof, said first
and second clipping arms defining a clipping space therebetween

at second ends thereof, ~~for receipt within~~ said clipping space ~~of receiving~~ a portion of said body portion so that ~~when said portion of said body portion is received within said clipping space of said clip assembly,~~ said door assembly is retained in said first, closed position.

11. (original) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 5, said door assembly further comprising selectively releasable securing means extending from said substantially uppermost portion of said door assembly for selectively securing said substantially uppermost portion of said door assembly to said body portion when said door assembly in said closed position.

12. (withdrawn) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 1, said head portion being attached to a portion of said body portion by a spring.

13. (original) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 1, said gate assembly comprising a pin and a gate arm, said gate arm being selectively pivotable about said pin.

14. (original) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 1, said gate assembly comprising a resilient gate arm.

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (cancelled)

26. (withdrawn and currently amended) A novelty figurine as recited in claim ~~45~~ 31, said head portion being attached to a portion of said second leg assembly of said attachment assembly by a spring.

27. (cancelled)

28. (cancelled)

29. (withdrawn) A figurine face and carabiner combination, comprising:

 a carabiner assembly, comprising:

 a body portion having a receiving surface extending therealong; and

 at least first and second leg assemblies extending from said body portion in directions away from said receiving surface, with one of said leg assemblies

having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong; and

at least a portion of a 3-dimensional facial image extending from said receiving surface.

30. (withdrawn) A figurine face and carabiner combination, comprising:

a carabiner assembly, comprising:

a body portion having a receiving surface extending therealong;

first and second leg assemblies extending from said body portion in directions away from said receiving surface, with one of said leg assemblies having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong; and

a third leg assembly extending between and connecting said first and second leg assemblies; and

at least a portion of a 3-dimensional facial image extending from said receiving surface.

31. (previously presented) A novelty figurine, comprising:

a head portion having a front;

a body portion located proximate said head portion, said body portion comprising at least one substantially hollow interior section and at least one selectively openable door assembly for access into said substantially hollow interior section; and

a carabiner attachment assembly firmly affixed to and extending rearwardly from said body portion so as to be concealed by the head portion when viewed from the front.

32. (previously presented) A novelty figurine, comprising:

a head portion;
a body portion located proximate said head portion;
at least one carabiner attachment assembly extending from said body portion for selectively allowing said figurine to be attached to or removed from another item able to receive said attachment assembly, said attachment assembly comprising at least a first leg having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong; and

means to support said figurine in a substantially upright, standing position, with said head portion located substantially above said body portion.

33. (previously presented) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 32, said support means comprising a portion of a bottom section of said body portion and at least one leg support assembly extending from said body portion at, or proximate to, said bottom section.

34. (previously presented) A novelty figurine as recited in claim 32, said head portion further comprising selectively releasable securing means for selectively securing said head portion to an uppermost section of said body portion.

35. (new) A novelty figurine, comprising:
a head portion having a front;
a body portion located proximate said head portion, said body portion comprising
at least one substantially hollow interior section and at least one selectively openable door assembly for access into said substantially hollow interior section; and
at least one carabiner attachment assembly extending from said body portion for selectively allowing said figurine to

be attached to or removed from another item able to receive said attachment assembly, said attachment assembly comprising at least a first leg having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong;

means to support said figurine in a substantially upright, standing position, with said head portion located substantially above said body portion;

said hinge assembly located at a bottom section of said body portion so that a substantially uppermost portion of said door assembly is proximate said head portion when said door assembly is in said closed position and said substantially uppermost portion of said door assembly is rotatingly displaced downward therefrom when said door assembly is in said open position;

said head portion being said substantially uppermost portion of said door assembly;

said head portion further comprising selectively releasable securing means extending rearwardly from said head portion for selectively securing said head portion to an uppermost section of said body portion when said door assembly is in said first, closed position;

said securing means comprising a clip assembly having first and second clipping arms attached to the rear of said head portion at first ends thereof, said first and second clipping arms defining a clipping space therebetween at second ends thereof, said clipping space receiving a portion of said body portion so that said door assembly is retained in said first, closed position.